

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 30, 2008 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

Claims 1-3, 9, and 10 are currently amended. Claims 4-8 are original.

Attached is a Petition To Request A Three-Month Extension of Time and a check for \$1110 to cover the cost of the Extension.

Claims 1-7 and 9 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Unger et al (United States Application Publication 2002/0152473) are traversed herein.

Independent claim 1 has been currently amended to include the additional limitation that the power switch command is detected and the bi-stable circuit is operated without the use of a microprocessor. Basis for this amendment can be found in Applicant's published specification in paragraphs 6 and 20.

In contrast to Applicant's invention, the wake-up signal in the '473 Unger publication is monitored by a sensor 306 and which includes a simple tuned circuit (paragraph 29) which is able to detect the presence of updates, such as a new program guide or a software or firmware upgrade (see paragraph 25). In order to detect software or firmware upgrades, the sensor 306 must, therefore, contain or operate within a microprocessor to be able to perform these functions.

The advantage of Applicant's invention is that to operate, the biistable circuit simply requires input of either (i) a voltage caused by a slow blanking input SBL_VCR or (ii) a voltage caused by activating a switch on to close a circuit. As the bi-stable circuit includes simple, low-power logic gate components, microprocessor control is not required, and a power saving is made compared to the prior art.

Applicant believes that currently amended independent claim 1, along with dependent claims 2-8, is novel over the cited reference and therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Independent method claim 9 has been currently amended to include the additional step that the power switch command is detected and the bi-stable circuit is operated without the use of a microprocessor. Applicant believes that currently amended claim 9, along with dependent claim 10, is novel over the Unger '473 publication for the same reasons as set forth above with reference to claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 8 and 10 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unger, in view of Yang et al (United States Patent 5,278,654) are traversed herein.

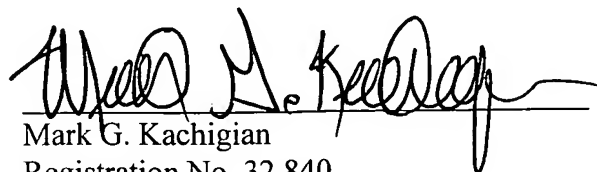
Claim 8 depends on currently amended independent claim 1 and is believed to be patentable over the cited references as previously stated herein.

Claim 10 depends on independent method claim 9 and is believed to be patentable over the cited references as previously stated herein above.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested. If any further fees or refunds are associated herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

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